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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>		<b>Application Number</b> 09/437378-Conf. #7897 <b>Filing Date</b> November 10, 1999 <b>First Named Inventor</b> Eric HELLMAN <b>Art Unit</b> 2155 <b>Examiner Name</b> Y. N. Won <b>Attorney Docket No</b> OIQ-001RCE
<b>Address to:</b> MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note. If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request nonentry of such amendment(s).
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Reply
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 080021 20000000 NOSINH 17 4002/11/2004 00 00 00
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-0080
    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
  - c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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	Date	March 8, 2004	

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## PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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Application or Docket Number

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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	minus 20 = *	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus 3 = *	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

AMENDMENT A	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	* 33	Minus	** 34 =
Independent	* 5	Minus	*** 6 =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

AMENDMENT B	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	* Minus	**	=
Independent	* Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

AMENDMENT C	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	* Minus	**	=
Independent	* Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

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TYPE  OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
	\$385	OR	\$770
X\$ 9 =		OR	X\$18 =
X43		OR	X86 =
+145		OR	290 =
TOTAL 385		OR	TOTAL 140

OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9 =		X\$18 =	
X43		X86 =	
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